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Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed September 25, 2009 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant's citations (see Remarks, pages 10-11) supporting newly amended limitations have been noted. However, as best understood by the examiner, the first and second memory sections, respectively coupled to a first and second terminal of a switching circuit correspond to the SRAMS 454A and 454B of fig. 23 rather than the FIFO memory 453. Therefore, in accordance with the disclosure, it appears that NIT of both "actual" network and "other" network maybe written into a particular SRAM prior to the switch taking effect, as indicated in page 25, lines 13-18, fig. 25 and also in page 26, lines 10- page 27, line 3, fig. 26, of applicant's disclosure, which indicates that following the step of end of writing NITa into SRAM 454b, the next step is determining whether not a packet is NITo, rather than proceeding directly from step s16 to s11 or switching the SRAM after ending writing NITa. Accordingly clarifications of these issues are sought by the examiner.

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to USHA RAMAN whose telephone number is (571)272-7380. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri: 8am-4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher Kelley can be reached on (571) 272-7331. The

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